Scam in the transportation of coal

425. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of MPs have brought out a scam of Rs. 25,000 crores in the transportation of coal from South Eastern Coalfields Limited company and whether the PMO has directed the CBI to inquire into the matter;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) A Group of Members of Parliament (MPs) was constituted to visit South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and make suggestions on inadequacies, if any, in the system and operation of SECL and particularly, in respect of Coal loading and transportation. Even though they have found some short-commings in the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Scheme of Coal transportation work in SECL in their report, there is no mention of Rs. 25000 crores scam. Based on the recommendations of Committee, Prime Minister (as Minister of Coal) has approved that CBI may examine all relevant records and documents concerning sources of finance and audit reports to find out if the ESM companies are being used as front companies by other vested interests.

As these ESM companies are regulated and sponsored by Director General Resettlement, Ministry of Defence, a communication has been sent to Ministry *of* Defence in this regard accordingly for taking necessary action.

Transportation of coal

† 426. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of companies/transporters who have been assigned the job of transportation of coal in South-Eastern Coalfields Limited;

(b) the quantum of coal in tonne transported every month in this coal field;

(c) whether complaints of irregularities in transportation of coal in this coalfield have been received;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that transportation of coal from coal mines has been in huge quantum but despatch has been got registered short;

(f) whether investigation has been conducted against the officers found guilty in the complaints;
and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) There are 22 companies/transporters who have been assigned the job of transportation

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